

NEW DISTRIBUTIONAL AND HOST DATA
FOR THE TICK *DERMACENTOR HUNTERI* BISHOPP

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Published records indicate that the tick *Dermacentor hunteri* Bishopp has been collected from the bighorn sheep, *Ovis canadensis*, in Arizona (Bishopp, 1912; Cooley, 1938; Russo, 1956), Mexico (Cooley, 1938), and Nevada (Allen, 1962) and from the mule deer, *Odocoileus hemionus*, in Arizona (Russo, 1956). New distributional and host data from this little-known tick are presented below.

In April 1952, Miss Grace Grant, a student at Brigham Young University, collected a male tick of this species at the upper reaches of Beaver Dam Slope in southwestern Washington County, Utah. This locality is about five miles due west of the Cliff Service Station on Highway 91, between the Station and Terry's Ranch on Beaver Dam Wash. Apparently the tick was removed from the clothing since the collection data recorded it from man without any information that it was attached to the skin. On November 26 and 27, 1955, Dr. W. L. Jellison of the Rocky Mountain Laboratory removed two ticks, a male and a female, from his clothing while collecting mammals in the same general area. On June 22, 1961, Dr. D Elden Beck of Brigham Young University collected a female specimen from a cottontail rabbit, *Sylvilagus nuttallii grangeri*, taken in the upper part of Snow's Canyon, about seven miles north of St. George, Washington County, Utah.

In November and December 1962, Dr. Charles G. Hansen sent to the Brigham Young University Zoology and Entomology Dept. 351 males and 86 females of *Dermacentor hunteri* collected from bighorn sheep in the Desert Bighorn Sheep Reserve near Las Vegas, Nevada, and in January 1963 he sent 2 males and a female taken from a mule deer in the same area. This deer was also infested with the winter tick, *D. albipictus* (Packard).

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